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By ECF Hon. Judge Valerie E. Caproni United States District Judge United States Courthouse 40 Centre Street New York, New York 10007

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Re: *Reeves v. United States*, 19 Civ. 8629 (VEC)

Dear Judge Caprioni:

This Office represents the United States in this action filed pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1346 *et seq.* The Government writes respectfully to seek a sixty day extension of time, from November 29, 2019, to January 28, 2020, to respond to the complaint. Additional time is needed because I was recently assigned to this matter, and I have not yet had sufficient time to consult with agency counsel and obtain documents necessary to respond to the complaint. Additionally, I write respectfully to request an adjournment of the initial conference scheduled for November 15, 2019, until after the Government's deadline to file an answer. [ECF No. 6]. This is the Government's first request for an extension and for an adjournment of the conference, and Plaintiff's counsel consents to both requests.

I thank the Court for its consideration of these requests.

Application GRANTED. The Government's time to respond is extended to January 28, 2020. The initial pretrial conference is adjourned to January 31, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The parties' joint submissions are due by January 23, 2020.

SO ORDERED.

cc: BY ECF

11/13/2019

HON. VALERIE CAPRONI UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Respectfully,

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